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To: Board of Commissioners

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Subject: Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) Grading of Building Permits and Inspections Department

The Building Permits and Inspections Department recently went through an ISO analysis of the County's building codes and the enforcement of these codes in terms of two categories, residential property (one and two family dwellings) and commercial and industrial property (all other buildings). ISO is an insurer-supported organization with the mission of providing advisory and rating information to insurers.

The last such ISO analysis was done in 2000. With a grading range of one (best) to ten (worst), Fayette County improved its score in both categories from a 5 to a 3 (see attached letters, 2000 and 2010). No communities in Georgia have received a grade higher than a 3. Presently, Fayette County is one of seven communities with a grade of 3 for residential and one of nine communities with a grade of 3 for commercial (see attached Georgia table). Nationally, out of 8,392 communities, only 140 scored better than Fayette County in the residential category and out of 6,451 communities, only 160 scored better than Fayette County in the commercial category (see attached Countrywide table).

The improvement in the County's grade is due to the staff of the Building Permits and Inspections Department and improvements made under the direction of Joe Scarborough. The improvements that had the biggest impact on our scores were the adoption of additional codes, the high level of certifications attained by the staff and the creation of a dedicated Plan Reviewer position. It is a pleasure to share this news with you and if need any additional information please contact me or Joe Scarborough.